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§ 942.20 Approval of Tennessee reclamation plan for lands and waters affected by past coal mining.

The Tennessee Reclamation Plan, as submitted on March 24, 1982, is approved. Copies of the approved program are available at:

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 530 Gay Street, Suite 500, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

State of Tennessee Department of Conservation, Division of Surface Mining and Reclamation, 305 West Springvale, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Administrative Record, Room 5315, 1100 'L' Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

§ 942.700 Tennessee Federal program.

(a) This part contains all rules that are applicable to surface coal mining operations in Tennessee which have been adopted under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

(b) Certain of the rules in this part cross-reference pertinent parts of the permanent program regulations in this chapter. The full text of a cross-ref-

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erenced rule is in the permanent program rule cited under the relevant section of this part.

(c) This part applies to all surface coal mining operations in Tennessee conducted on non-Federal and non-Indian lands. To the extent required by part 740 of this chapter, this part also applies to operations on Federal lands in Tennessee.

(d) The information collection requirements contained in this part have been approved by the office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3507 and assigned the following clearance numbers: 1029-0007, 1029-0009, 1029-0032, 1029-0033, 1029-0034, 1029-0035, 1029-0036, 1029-0038, 1029-0039, 1029-0040, 1029-0041, 1029-0043, 1029-0047, 1029-0048, 1029-0049, 1029-0080.

§ 942.701 General.

(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this section, §§ 700.5, 700.11, 700.12, 700.13, 700.14, 700.15 and part 701 of this chapter shall apply to coal exploration and surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

(2) The definition of *support facilities* in § 701.5 of this chapter shall not apply to surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

(3) The definitions of *surface coal mining operations* in § 700.5, and *coal preparation or coal processing* and *coal preparation plant* in § 701.5 of this chapter shall include facilities which leach, chemically process, or physically process coal.

(b) Surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Tennessee which do not have a permanent program permit issued by the State of Tennessee prior to the effective date of this program, but which filed a permit application on a timely basis and were allowed to operate under the Tennessee State program, may continue to operate until the Office issues or denies a permit if they: (1) Comply with Subchapter B of this chapter until issuance or denial of a permit under this program; (2) authorize transfer to OSM of any permit application pending with the State regulatory authority; and (3) provide to the Office on a timely basis any requested additional information necessary to make a complete permit application.

(c) Persons engaged in underground mining activities which do not have and did not apply for a permanent program permit from the State of Tennessee prior to the effective date of this program, but which were allowed to operate under the Tennessee State program, may continue to operate beyond eight months after the effective date of this program if they: (1) Within two months of the effective date of this program apply to OSM for a permit; (2) comply with Subchapter B of this chapter until issuance or denial of a permit under this program; and (3) provide to the Office on a timely basis any requested additional information necessary to make a complete permit application.

(d) Persons operating facilities which leach, chemically process, or physically process coal which do not have a permanent program permit from the State of Tennessee prior to the effective date of this program, may continue to operate beyond eight months after the effective date of this program if they: (1) Within two months of the effective date of this program apply to OSM for a permit; (2) comply with Subchapter B of this chapter until issuance or denial of a permit under this program; and (3) provide to the Office on a timely basis any requested additional information necessary to make a complete permit application.

(e) Records required by § 700.14 of this chapter to be made available locally to the public shall be retained at OSM's Knoxville Field Office.

§ 942.702 Exemption for coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals.

Part 702 of this chapter, *Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to the Extraction of Other Minerals*, shall apply to any person who conducts coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals for purposes of commercial use or sale.

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§ 942.707 Exemption for coal extraction incidental to government-financed highway or other construction.

Part 707 of this chapter, *Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to Government-*

Financed Highway or Other Construction, shall apply to surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

§ 942.761 Areas designated unsuitable for surface coal mining by act of Congress.

Part 761 of this chapter, *Areas Designated by Act of Congress*, shall apply to surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

§ 942.762 Criteria for designating areas as unsuitable for surface coal mining operations.

(a) Part 762 of this chapter, *Criteria for Designating Areas as Unsuitable for Surface Coal Mining Operations*, shall apply to surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

(b) In addition to the lands defined as fragile lands in § 762.5 of this chapter, the Office in evaluating any petition to designate lands as unsuitable or to terminate such designation will consider lands included on the Tennessee Natural Areas Registry under Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) section 11-14-112, Natural Areas designated by the Tennessee General Assembly under TCA 11-14-108, areas adjoining Tennessee Scenic Rivers designated under TCA 11-13-101, and Scenic Trails designated under TCA 11-11-101.

§ 942.764 Process for designating areas unsuitable for surface coal mining operations.

(a) Part 764 of this chapter, *State Process for Designating Areas Unsuitable for Surface Coal Mining Operations*, shall apply to surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

(b) The Secretary shall notify the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment of any area designated unsuitable or for which such designation has been requested or terminated.

(c) Unsuitability designations made under the Tennessee State program shall remain valid unless and until terminated.

§ 942.772 Requirements for coal exploration.

(a) Part 772 of this chapter, *Requirements for Coal Exploration*, shall apply to any person who conducts or seeks to conduct coal exploration operations.